

sired. They should be preferably widows without children or with grown children, or maiden ladies, age from thirty to forty-five. The salary is only \$15.00 per month with room, board and laundry. Good, patient, motherly women are desired. Applications should be endorsed by pastors and other letters of recommendation. These should be accompanied by photographs, where practicable. Women of deep religious conviction and of some culture, with tender hearts are desired.

Woodruff church has had a delightful meeting during the past week. The General Assembly's evangelist, Rev. Mr. G. W. Belk, did the preaching. His sermons were some of the best ever heard here. He made powerful and eloquent appeals to the sinner out of Christ and preached tenderly and comfortingly to Christians. He has been since childhood a close student of the Bible, and his wonderful knowledge of God's word enables him to present very clearly and forcibly the truths contained therein. There were several additions to the church as a result of this meeting. Mr. Belk goes this week to Houston, Texas, and the prayers and good wishes of our entire community go with him, and we hope for him much success in the meeting he will conduct there.

#### TENNESSEE.

**Columbia Presbytery:** At a called meeting of this Presbytery, October 31st, the pastoral relation between Rev. Robert S. Brown and the Fayetteville church was dissolved, and Mr. Brown was granted a letter of dismission to the Presbytery of Washburn, where he will have charge of the churches of Springdale and Hazel Glen, and exercise oversight over the Home Mission work of the Presbytery.

Resolutions were adopted expressing appreciation of the faithful and efficient labors of Mr. Brown during the twenty-four years that he has served the Presbytery of Columbia. During most of this time he has been an active member of the Home Mission Committee, and has held evangelistic meetings in all parts of the Presbytery. For the past four years he has been the stated clerk, and Rev. D. D. Little, of Columbia, was elected to succeed him in this office.

D. D. L.

#### TEXAS.

**Taylor:** The membership of the Taylor Mexican church has reached one hundred and eighty, and we confidently believe it will be two hundred before April 1st next. The Sunday-school here at Taylor, with four classes, is doing well, and the three branch schools are keeping up their good work. The church observed Rally Day, and also the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, which we feel sure has done good. This little church has two of its members in the United States army, and is doing its "bit" by making a monthly contribution to the Red Cross. We are getting ready for the three Christmas entertainments we intend giving the children, but they will be war-time Christmas, little money to be spent on them. We trust our friends will not forget us this winter.

W. S. S.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Rev. C. B. Currie, from Florida to Ohio, Ala.

Rev. C. H. Lang, from Fort Stockton to Camp Travis, Tex.

Rev. E. E. Diggs, Jr., from Cameron to Winters, Tex.

Rev. E. C. Gordon, D. D., from 5556 Von Versen Avenue to 5601-A Cabanne Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. J. B. Gordon, from Carrollton, Ga., to Fort Defiance, Va.

Rev. G. W. Belk, from Charlotte to R. F. D. 5, Hendersonville, N. C.

Rev. William H. Wood, from Baltimore, Md., to Christiansburg, Va.

Rev. Edgar G. Gammon, from Harlingen, Tex., to Hampden-Sidney, Va., where he is now pastor of College church.

#### PERSONAL.

Rev. Dr. Juan Orts Gonzalez and wife, who recently returned from Cuba, on account of their health, are now in Nashville, Tenn. He is doing work on evangelical literature in Spanish for our Foreign Mission Committee. He has also been appointed instructor in Spanish in Vanderbilt University. They are boarding with Dr. J. T. McGill, one of the professors in the university. They are both steadily improving in health.

#### HOME MISSION RECEIPTS.

The receipts for the Assembly's Home Missions for the seven months ending October 31st, were \$103,759, an increase of \$28,286 over the same period of last year. The cost of the work for these seven months was \$120,839, and there was a debt of \$10,000 at the beginning of the year, so there is now a deficit of \$27,080. All this and much more is needed at once that the work may not suffer.

#### FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS.

The receipts for Foreign Missions for October were \$50,462, an increase of \$2,336 over the same month last year. For the seven months ending October 31, 1917, the total receipts were \$214,081, an increase of \$17,413 over the same period for last year. The amount needed for the work, according to present estimates, is \$572,937. As prices advance this will probably be increased. Add to this the debt at the beginning of the year of \$73,426, and the total amount needed for the year is \$646,363. This leaves \$432,282 to be raised in the next five months. This means that every member of the Church ought to do his best to provide the means for carrying on this great work.

#### WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

Rev. R. M. Hall, D. D.

About what? Our Home Mission work. There is great danger that, in the stress and strain of present day conditions, the rush and rjar of war preparations, subscriptions solicited for Liberty Bonds, Red Cross needs, Y. M. C. A. army work, and many other equally worthy causes, we are going to forget our own Home Mission work and its pressing needs; and the work itself and the workers may be allowed to suffer.

There never was a time when the needs were greater, while the opportunities are absolutely bewildering. Are we going to retrench, or barely hold on to what we already have, or, by the grace of God, are we going to enlarge the work?

Everything has gone up like a rocket, except salaries. If the churches contribute only just what they did last year, there will likely be retrenchment, or suffering somewhere. If there is only a small increase in the offerings, we may barely, with great effort, hold our own. But the pillars of fire and cloud are swinging forward and calling upon us to follow. A large increase in offerings all along the line is called for, and will mean a generous enlargement of the work, even in troublous times. What are we going to do about it?

Lewisburg, W. Va.

#### URGENT NEED IN OUR WAR WORK.

Requests are coming in from the pastors in the camp cities of our Church, urgently asking that help be given them in their work for the soldiers. Here are some of these requests:

Dr. Wellford telegraphs from Newport News as follows: "Passing by the thousands. Local Council urge you to send a number one worker immediately or authorize us to secure him. None but the best can meet the demand. Opportunity great. Last chance to reach. Psychological time and place to strike. Wire reply."

Mr. Price writes from Alexandria: "The Presbytery of Louisiana, on my behalf, has written to Dr. Wells asking for assistance. I have also written to Dr. Wells, answering his note of inquiry and explaining fully our situation. It is impossible for me to do my regular work and at the same time look after the Presbyterian soldiers from Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, as well as others from all parts of the Union mobilized at Beauregard. I have no conveyance, and our shuttle train leaves me with a territory of many miles to cover on foot. If the Assembly expects me or the Alexandria church, which is not a strong one by any means, to do what they seem to require, it will be absolutely necessary for me to have an automobile and a secretary. I want a live man, not necessarily a minister, but a genuinely active Christian young man who can approach men, and one who will stay on the job seven days in the week. The Romanists, Baptists and Jews all have their men at work, and are getting good results. The Methodists, like myself, are still asking."

Mr. Hodges writes from Anniston as follows: "I have been anxiously waiting to hear from the Camp Committee appointed by Dr. Wells, but so far have heard nothing. The camp has been here two months, and nothing has been done for the men by either our Church or the U. S. A. people. It is an impossibility for me or any other man to do what should be done. The Northern and Southern Baptists have united their efforts, and have one man here representing the two churches. He is looked upon somewhat as the assistant to the local Baptist preacher, and preaches at his church at the night service. I should be more than glad to have some man here representing our two Presbyterian bodies. There is a fine opportunity for some good man. The wrong man would be the worst possible misfit. I should be very glad to hear from you as to what our people expect to do. I understand the U. S. A. people have rather an elaborate program. I should think it would be a great mistake for both churches to send a man when one man could do the work."

These are an indication of the urgent need of the Church at once to furnish our Committee with money to carry on this work. I am authorizing on faith Dr. Wellford to go ahead and employ a man for his work at Newport News. Thousands of men are embarking from that port. A great evangelistic opportunity is offered to reach multitudes of men with a gospel message. We cannot afford to wait. Churches and individuals are urged to send their gifts at once to our treasurer of Home Missions at Atlanta, Ga.

James I. Vance,

Chairman War Work Council.

#### IS THE Y. M. C. A. IN CAMP WORTH WHILE?

We had the pleasure a day or two ago of meeting Lieutenant Herbert S. Richland, editor-in-chief of *The Bayonet*, an excellent paper published

in Camp Lee. We asked him to give our readers his opinion of the Y. M. C. A. in camp. He has no direct connection with the Association, but has had fine opportunity of seeing and knowing its work. Here is a letter from him:

Divisional Headquarters,

Camp Lee, Va.,

Nov. 11, 1917.

You may tell your readers for me that the Y. M. C. A. does more to make life pleasant for the men in service than any other one influence I know of.

Speaking, not as an editor, but as a soldier who has gratefully derived a world of comfort from the many Y. M. C. A. conveniences and the hearty handshakes that come with them, and as an officer who has seen the whole efficiency of a command heightened by the advent of a Y. M. C. A. and its diversions, I want to say as simply and as forcefully as I can that the work the Y. M. C. A. is doing is marvelously efficient and beneficent, and worthy of every cent of support anyone can give it.

The Y. M. C. A. is tremendously efficient in its thorough practicalness. When the soldiers, especially the newly drafted men of our national army, first enter camp atmosphere, and are amazed at the lack of so many necessities without which they had not thought life would be worth living, they turn to the Y. M. C. A. and there find all their chiefest needs anticipated and expertly, thoroughly filled. They find writing facilities (I venture to say that all of your readers who have sons in the service are familiar with the cheerful Y. M. C. A. stationery), they find athletic equipment, chess and checker boards, movie shows, reading rooms, classes, everything that could possibly aid them in pleasantly passing their time off—everything that they themselves would have provided, if they had the money, time and experience to do so.

And it's all surrounded by so pleasant an air of friendly, considerate geniality—too obviously sincere to bear any suspicion of being assumed—that they turn to the Y. M. C. A. as to a big brother—or home circle, with a smile of pleased anticipation and conviction that they will be comfortably at home. They deserve every dollar anyone can afford to give them.

Yours very truly,

Herbert S. Richland,

Second Lieut., I. M. C., N. A.,

Editor-in-Chief *The Bayonet*.

#### HUGUENOT SOCIETY HELPS THE FRENCH.

The Huguenot Evangelical Society of Richmond aids in the support of the work of the Reformed Church in France. It has recently received an interesting letter from Rev. Charles Merle D'Aubigne, secretary of the Central Evangelical Society of the Protestant Church of France. He says:

"The accession of your country to the allied cause is an immense gain, moral as well as material. It has given us all courage and heart to continue the fight without wavering. I cannot say how much the words of your President have done us good in showing us that the reasons for which we are resisting the tremendous power of our enemies have been understood on your side; and, in strengthening our resolve to persevere until a new construction of the world, founded on justice and right, has been ushered in. Surely we can expect, now that such high and disinterested principles have been propounded by your President, that a new era is coming in when brutal force will be discarded, and all nations will unite to live in peace

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